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Art Unit 2819

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Application No. 10/697,289; Filed: October 31, 2003
For: **Coupling of Signals Between Adjacent Functional Blocks in a
Integrated Circuit Chip**

Inventors: Catalasan *et al.*
Our Ref: 1875.4360005

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Statement Under 37 C.F.R. 3.73(b);
2. Power of Attorney From Assignee; and
3. Return postcard.

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Respectfully submitted,

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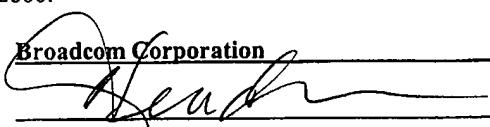
Broadcom Corporation, a corporation of California, having a principal place of business at 16215 Alton Parkway, Irvine, California 92618-3616, is assignee of the entire right, title and interest for the United States of America (as defined in 35 U.S.C. § 100), by reason of an Assignment to the Assignee executed on October 30, 2003 of an invention known as **Coupling of Signals Between Adjacent Functional Blocks in an Integrated Circuit Chip** (Attorney Docket No. 1875.4360005), which is disclosed and claimed in a patent application of the same title by the inventor(s) Manolito M. Catalasan, Vafa J. Rakshani, Edmund H. Spittles, Tim Sippel and Richard Unda (said application filed on October 31, 2003 at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, having Application Number 10/697,289).

The Assignee hereby appoint the U.S. attorneys James D. Bennett, Registration No. 37,550, Jeffrey DeRoy Wheeler, Registration No. 39,066; Noel Benjamin Whitley, Registration No. 42,225; and Harry Shannon Tyson, Jr., Registration No. 42,193, of Broadcom Corporation, 16215 Alton Parkway, Irvine, CA 92618-3616, and the attorneys associated with CUSTOMER NUMBER 28393 to prosecute this application and any continuation, divisional, continuation-in-part, or reissue application thereof, and to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith, such attorneys currently being: Robert Greene Sterne, Esq., Reg. No. 28,912; Edward J. Kessler, Esq., Reg. No. 25,688; Jorge A. Goldstein, Esq., Reg. No. 29,021; David K.S. Cornwell, Esq., Reg. No. 31,944; Robert W. Esmond, Esq., Reg. No. 32,893; Tracy-Gene G. Durkin, Esq., Reg. No. 32,831; Michele A. Cimbala, Esq., Reg. No. 33,851; Michael B. Ray, Esq., Reg. No. 33,997; Robert E. Sokohl, Esq., Reg. No. 36,013; Eric K. Steffe, Esq., Reg. No. 36,688; Michael Q. Lee, Esq., Reg. No. 35,239; Steven R. Ludwig, Esq., Reg. No. 36,203; John M. Covert, Esq., Reg. No. 38,759; Linda E. Alcorn, Esq., Reg. No. 39,588; Lawrence B. Bugaisky, Esq., Reg. No. 35,086; Donald J. Featherstone, Esq., Reg. No. 33,876; Robert C. Millonig, Esq., Reg. No. 34,395; Michael V. Messinger, Esq., Reg. No. 37,575; Judith U. Kim, Esq., Reg. No. 40,679; Timothy J. Shea, Jr., Esq., Reg. No. 41,306; and Patrick E. Garrett, Esq., Reg. No. 39,987. The Assignee hereby grants said attorneys the power to insert on this Power of Attorney any further identification that may be necessary or desirable in order to comply with the rules of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)

1875.4360005

Applicant/Patent Owner: Manolito M. Catalasan, Vafa J. Rakshani, Edmund H. Spittles, Tim Sippel and Richard UndaApplication No./Patent No.: 10/697,289 Filed/Issue Date: October 31, 2003Entitled: COUPLING OF SIGNALS BETWEEN ADJACENT FUNCTIONAL BLOCKS IN AN INTEGRATED CIRCUIT CHIPBroadcom Corporation, a Corporation
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